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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - KOREAN STYLE

1. IN A WELL DRILLED MANNER AND WITH DESPATCH, NATIONAL UNIFICATION COUNCIL RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE UNANIMOUSLY (ONE BALLOT VOIDED) TO ANOTHER SIX-YEAR TERM. PRESIDENT PARK WAS SOLE CANDIDATE. OPENING CEREMONY LASTED 22 MINUTES, TWELVE OF WHICH WERE TAKEN UP BY SPEECH OF NUC CHAIRMAN (PARK CHUNG HEE) AND THE REST BY NATIONAL ANTHEM, OATH TAKING AND OTHER MUSIC. EVEN SOME KOREANS NOTED THE UNIFORMITY OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE OF THE DELEGATES.

2. IN HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT PROVIDED VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF YUSHIN CONSTITUTION, AS DETERMINING FACTOR IN ACHIEVEMENT "MIRACULOUS PROGRESS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS". HE THEN GAVE EMPHASIS TO NEED TO FOSTER NATIONAL STRENGTH IN ORDER TO FRUSTRATE NK COMMUNISTS, TO BRING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO COUNTRY AND TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. HE ENCOURAGED DELEGATES TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO SOCIETY AND CLOSED BY CALLING FOR INDOMINABLE NATIONAL WILL, BLOOD AND SWEAT, NATIONAL CONSENSUS AND UNITY AND PROGRESS WITHOUT REST.

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